

November 25th, 1958.

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CABINET CONCLUSIONS

Meetings of the Cabinet were held in the Privy Council Chamber, on Tuesday, November 25th, 1958, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Present:

The Minister of Public Works
and Acting Prime Minister
(Mr. Green) in the Chair,
The Minister of Finance
(Mr. Fleming),
The Minister of Veterans Affairs
(Mr. Brooks),
The Minister of Transport
(Mr. Hees),
The Solicitor General
(Mr. Balcer),
The Minister of National Defence
(Mr. Pearkes),
The Minister of Trade and Commerce
(Mr. Churchill),
The Minister of Justice
and Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs
(Mr. Fulton),
The Minister of National Revenue
(Mr. Nowlan),
The Minister of Agriculture
(Mr. Harkness),
The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
(Mrs. Fairclough),
The Minister of Labour
(Mr. Starr),
The Postmaster General
(Mr. William Hamilton),
The Minister without Portfolio
(Mr. Macdonnell),
The Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys
(Mr. Comtois) (for afternoon meeting only),
The Minister of National Health and Welfare
(Mr. Monteith),
The Minister of Northern Affairs
and National Resources
(Mr. Alvin Hamilton),
The Minister of Defence Production
(Mr. O'Hurley).

The Secretary to the Cabinet
(Mr. Bryce),
The Assistant Secretaries to the Cabinet
(Mr. Fournier),
(Mr. Martin).

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Unemployment Insurance regulations re fishermen

15. The Minister of Labour recalled that the Unemployment Insurance Act had been amended in 1956 to permit "coverage" under the act for self-employed fishermen. The regulations were complicated and difficult to apply and in the light of experience it had been shown that some simplification should be brought to these special rules for fishermen. An ad hoc committee of ministers had reviewed these regulations the previous week and agreed upon a number of amendments made by the Unemployment Insurance Commission. These amendments would not likely increase the burden on the Treasury to any degree.

(Copies of a submission to council and attached regulations had been circulated).

16. The Cabinet approved the amendments to the fishermen regulations under the Unemployment Insurance Act made by the Unemployment Insurance Commission and recommended by the Minister of Labour.

(An order in council was passed accordingly; P.C. 1958-1595, Nov. 26.)

Defence estimates; assumption re decision on Arrow aircraft

17. The Minister of National Defence noted that there was a problem, in making up his main estimates for 1959-60, as to what assumption should be made about the decision to be taken before the end of March concerning future policy in regard to the Arrow aircraft and the Iroquois engine. He proposed to assume that the contract would be cancelled and to include only the cancellation costs. Should the decision go the other way, a supplementary estimate could be submitted to Parliament.

18. The Cabinet agreed to Mr. Pearkes' suggestions on treatment of Arrow aircraft costs in defence construction.

Strike at Sorel Industries

19. The Minister of Defence Production reported that he had received a telegram from the National Metallurgical Federation (Mr. Gérard Picard) saying that a strike had been declared at Sorel Industries Limited. The company and the syndicate had failed to reach agreement on salaries and other monetary advantages. Mr. Picard had stressed the importance of Sorel Industries for the defence of Canada. He had stated that, after serious study, the syndicate was requesting that the Canadian government, in the general interest of the country, either grant subsidies to Sorel Industries in order to retain the experts who would otherwise probably be lost to Canada, or nationalize Sorel Industries in view of the vital importance of this arsenal for the defence of Canada and the members of N.A.T.O.